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GENEVA FOR DISTO AND CSCE; VIENNA FOR MBFR

INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGED KENNEDY MET

BREZHNEV FOR FOUR HOURS, AP REPORTING THEY EXPRESSED

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OPTIMISM THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TO CURB THE

ARMS RACE AND MAINTAIN PEACE BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS.  
INSIDE PAPERS REPORTED JACKSON SAID QUICK ARMS PACT MIGHT  
HURT US.

1A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE NIXON TO ASK 250 MILLION  
FOR NON-ARMS AID TO EGYPT. INSIDE PAPERS REPORT STATE  
DEPARTMENT CRITICIZES JACKSON; NYTIMES HAS SCHLESINGER  
CONSIDERS TRIMMING SUPPORT UNITS; ALSO ITEMS ON CSCE  
AND SQUIB ON CCD.

2. DISARMAMENT. WASHPOST SQUIB SAYS 25-NATION GENEVA  
DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH STARTED A NEW SESSION A  
WEEK AGO AFTER A RECESS OF MORE THAN SEVEN MONTHS, MET FOR  
ONLY 72 SECONDS--BECAUSE NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK.

3. JACKSON. TUESDAY NYTIMES GWERTZMAN WASHINGTON RE-

PORTED SEN. JACKSON SAID IN SPEECH PREPARED FOR PRESENTA-  
TION IN NEW YORK AT OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB'S ANNUAL AWARDS  
DINNER THAT US WAS SO EAGER FOR SOME KIND OF ARMS-LIMITA-  
TION ACCORD IN TIME FOR NIXON'S JUNE MOSCOW MEETING THAT  
IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER A QUICK COSMETIC AGREEMENT THAT  
COULD HARM AMERICAN SECURITY, JACKSON ADDING THAT RUSSIANS  
HAVE HARDENED THEIR POSITION AND ARE SEEKING--NOT A  
STRATEGIC BALANCE, BUT TO WIDEN AND DEEPEN THEIR  
STRATEGIC MARGIN OVER US. GWERTZMAN NOTED KISSINGER  
TOLD APRIL 12 NEWS CONFERENCE US HOPES TO WORK OUT LIMITED  
ACCORDS BY TIME OF NIXON TRIP BUT POSSIBLE THAT THIS  
COULD NOT BE DONE IN TIME, GWERTZMAN ADDING SECRETARY AND  
OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THEY WOULD SACRIFICE AMERICAN  
INTERESTS IN EFFORT TO GET AN AGREEMENT. GWERTZMAN SAID  
JACKSON TIMED HIS SPEECH TO COINCIDE WITH MEETING OF  
KISSINGER AND OTHER OFFICIALS AIMED AT FORMULATING A  
COUNTERPROPOSAL TO RUSSIANS WHICH KISSINGER WOULD GIVE  
GROMYKO IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK.

3A. TUESDAY WASHPOST HAD STORY BY ABRAMSON OF LATIMES  
STRESSING JACKSON CHARGED NIXON ADMINISTRATION WITH USING  
A QUICK FIX APPROACH TO SALT, SAYING ADMINISTRATION, IN  
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ITS HASTE TO MEET AN ARBITRARY AND POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT  
SELF-IMPOSED DEADLINE, HAS BEGUN TO ENTERTAIN SOVIET  
PROPOSALS WHICH ARE INIMICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND TO  
PROSPECTS FOR TREATY BASED ON US-SOVIET EQUALITY.  
ABRAMSON SAID JACKSON RENEWED HIS PROPOSAL THAT BOTH  
SIDES BEGIN REDUCING NUMBER OF THEIR ICBMS AND CONCLUDE  
FAR-REACHING AGREEMENT TO BRING ABOUT A MEASURE OF  
STABILITY IN THE NUCLEAR BALANCE AT SHARPLY REDUCED

LEVELS OF STRATEGIC FORCES.

3B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAS WASHINGTON REUTERS REPORTING STATE DEPARTMENT CRITICIZED JACKSON FOR SUGGESTING NIXON ADMINISTRATION WAS SEEKING A QUICK STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLITICAL FORTUNES, SPOKESMAN KING SAYING: WHILE WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR SENATOR JACKSON'S VIEWS ON DEFENSE MATTERS, WE FEEL THAT HIS POLITICAL ACCUSATIONS OF OUR MOTIVES ON THIS MATTER ARE UNWORTHY OF A SENATOR OF US. REUTERS ADDS IT IS BELIEVED STATEMENT WAS APPROVED BY KISSINGER, AND NOTES THIS WAS FIRST TIME STATE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SO HARSH WITH JACKSON, PERSISTENT CRITIC OF ADMINISTRATION FOR WILLINGNESS TO CONCEDE TOO MUCH TO SOVIETS.

3C. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGES JACKSON PHOTO WITH CAPTION, SENATOR CHALLENGED ON SALT, ITS LOCAL STORY SAYING ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS WERE AT ODDS ON TWO

DIPLOMATIC FRONTS: CUBA AND SALT. POST ADDS TO QUOTE FROM KING GIVEN ABOVE: ON A MATTER AS SERIOUS AS STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS THE ADMINISTRATION IS PROCEEDING TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF OUR BEST PERCEPTIONS AND JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS; WE DO NOT NEGOTIATE SUCH AGREEMENTS ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE STATEMENT ADDING: REGARDING SALT AND PLANS FOR US-SOVIET SUMMIT SECRETARY HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE TWO ARE SEPARATE, THAT IN SEEKING AN ARRANGEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS WE ARE MOTIVATED BY TECHNOLOGICAL NOT POLITICAL, CONSIDERATIONS.

4. SCHLESINGER. WEDNESDAY  
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